

[Annie Laurie Snorf]

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ANNIE LAURIE SNORF - POET

Author of Song, Out In New Mexico.

Annie Laurie Snorf, daughter of John Snorf and Teresa (o'Brian) Snorf was born near Niles, Michigan. After completing her education in the Michigan schools, being a graduate of high school and business college , she came west to Roswell, New Mexico, where she has live continuously since 1906.

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Not strong, as a child Miss Snorf led an active outdoor life on a the farm where she was born and raised.

On her mother's side Miss Snorf is directly descended from prominent military men of Irish history - the [?] of Calway, and the [Slorachs?] of Cork , Ireland.

The men of her father's family, were pioneer Michigan farmers, doctors and lawyers, she being the first one of the family known to pursue a career as a writer of song and verse.

For her own pleasure, Miss Snorf has been writing poetry and stories since she first knew how to read and write. In late years friends and relatives who became interested in her beautiful compositions have encouraged her in the publication of her works, which have received favorable National criticism [?] as well as from the State of New Mexico. C18 - 6/5/41 - N. Mex.

Perhaps the most widely appreciated of the many poems and songs written by Miss Snorf is "Out In New Mexico", set to music by Miss Elizabeth Garrett in 1938.

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Anthologies in which Miss Snorf has appeared are:

New Mexico in Verse, by William Felter and John L. McCarty.

Poems Of New Mexico, by George Ftizpatrick.

Verse Harvest, by Charles Leon Tumasel, New York City.

Muse, Edgar Allen Poe Memorial, Carlyle Straub, Editor, New York City.

Miss Snorf has also been a contributor to numerous magazines and newspapers. She has frequently appeared in the New Mexico Magazine, and in the Los Angeles Times, her theme always being, on the State of her adoption - New Mexico.

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Miss Snorf owns her own house in one of the most beautiful residential districts of Roswell - Lea Avenue and Second Streets - where she is surrounded by friends, who have learned to appreciate her for her lovable disposition and her kindness as a neighbor. She is a member of the Chaves County Archaeological and Historical Society, and as the first secretary, serving until 1938, she rendered valuable assistance to the society during the first years of its organization and building of the Roswell Museum.

Miss Annie Laurie Snorf is appreciated as a valuable contributor to the beauty and culture of Roswell and the State of New Mexico.